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**SPECIAL  
SUNDAY EDITION.**

**WAR: LATEST.  
A BOTHA COMMANDO  
DEFEATED.**

**RECOVERY OF BENSON'S  
SECOND GUN.**

DURBAN, Dec. 21.—News has been received by the Durban depot of the Johannesburg Mounted Rifles that the Rifles yesterday came in touch with one of Botha's commandos. A sharp fight took place, with the result that the Boers suffered a severe defeat, and that the second of the guns lost by Col. Benson was recovered.—Central News.

**PURSUIT OF FOUCHEE  
AND MYBURGH.**

THIRTEEN REBELS CAPTURED.  
PRETORIA, Dec. 21.—Col. Muaro, with his light column, continues his hot pursuit of the commandos under Fouchée and Myburgh, and he has just captured 13 more rebels in the 6th Battalion Worcester Regt., two Horschell district. Both commandoes are now practically disorganized and scattered in the hills. Nobis was next on the list, and the English were fortunate in getting rid of him cheaply. He was stampeded by Lillie or Braund when he had made a couple of hours followed, and he and Hill played out time when the score was 103 for three wicket. Score 103.

**FIGHT WITH DE WET.**  
FOUR HOURS' ENGAGEMENT.  
HARRISBURG, Dec. 20.—Gen. Dartnell, with a body of Imperial Light Horse and Yeomanry, engaged De Wet, with 800 men, one pom-pom, and one gun near Langenberg on the 18th inst. The engagement lasted for four hours, at the end of which the Boers were driven off. Gen. Campbell having co-operated from Bethlehem. The Boer casualties were five killed, 20 wounded, and two prisoners. Our losses were one man killed, four wounded, and 10 men wounded.—Reuter.

DURBAN, Dec. 21.—Gen. Dartnell and Gen. Campbell co-operated in a movement on Wednesday with the object of enveloping the forces of De Wet.

ONE FOR TWO FOR THREE FOR FIVE.  
NEW YORK'S VISIT.  
OF THE team of Australian cricketers to visit England next year under the auspices of the Melbourne Cricket Club, it is reported that Mr. Wardill will probably be the manager, and he has wired to Mr. Alexander, the Australian test captain, to have him play to a finish. The two English county captains in Australia, including Mr. Woods of Somerset, approve the suggestion. Mr. MacLaren opines that the arrangement would be practicable for three fixtures, but not for five.

**HOCKEY.**

OXFORD UNIVERSITY V. EAST SHEFFIELD.  
THE DARK STARS SUCCESSFUL.

Oxford University continued their meteor tour when they met East Shefford Mortlake. The result was a win for the city 3 goals to 2, with two and half Wilson one to 1 (E. A. Drury). In the early part of the game the hosts did most of the attacking, and only about three minutes had elapsed when Drury scored. The visitors then turned the tables and in the first ten minutes of play 1 A. L. F. Smith eventually equalized from a pass by Fred Smith, the outside left. Before half-time the latter made another good run and centre, from which Wilson put the visitors ahead. He could not beat the powerful Oxford defence, in which the full-back, F. C. Stocks and O. F. Walker were always prominent. A. L. F. Smith scored Oxford's third goal after a very clever individual run, the visitors winning as stated.

**LAAGERS SURPRISED AND CAPTURED.**

Lord Methuen still continuing his energetic operations in Eastern Transvaal, and up to Wednesday he had accounted for 32 Boer laagers. On the night of Friday last Lord Methuen's troops captured Van Rensburg's laager, and at day-break on Wednesday the troops surprised and captured Potgieter's laager after a hard march.

**MARSHAL'S ESCAPE.**

The commandant himself had a very narrow escape from capture and left his family and important private papers in our hands. At the same time Lord Methuen captured 89 wagons, 47 Cape carts, 158 horses, and a large number of cattle, sheep, and donkeys. There were 35 families in the laager.

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY V. BLACKHEATH.**

**A BRAVE GAME.**

This, the second match of Cambridge University's Southern tour, was played at Blackheath, and after a fast and even game resulted in a draw at 20 points. The home side were playing good form, especially in the first half of the game, when for the brilliant defence of the two Cambridge backs, Blackheath would hardly have scored. In the second half, the Cambridge backs improved their play, and the latter half of the game was balanced.

**MORE CAPE RAIDERS.**

Middleburg, Dec. 19.—On the 15th inst. Col. Munro captured 15 rebels belonging to Myburgh's commando, to the south of Barkly East, and thereby another fell into the hands of Col. Price's men.—Reuter.

**THE PEACE QUESTION.**

Paris, Dec. 21.—The "New York Herald," correspondent, writing from Utrecht, gives an account of an interview with Mr. Wolmarans on Lord Methuen's speech. The Boer delegate said, "The proclamation made by President Steyn and Schalk Burger in July, to the effect that the Boers in the field would only begin peace overtures on condition of regaining their liberty or obtaining an amnesty for the Cape colonists, makes it difficult for us to go to London and offer peace negotiations." At the same time, in view of what Lord Rosebery said, we should like to talk the matter over in a friendly way with view to a settlement. If England would send to Holland, authorised representatives furnished with England's terms as a basis of peace negotiations, we should receive them, and in this way endeavour to end the war."—Daijzel.

**TROOPS FOR THE FRONT.**

The 6th Batt. of the Worcester (Militia) Regt. left Aldershot yesterday for Southampton to embark for South Africa.

"Larry Lynch" Comments see page 7.  
For other Sporting Items see pages 7 & 8.

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**CIGARETTE PAPERS**  
By JOSEPH HATTON.

**Sad Christmas.**

"Christmas comes but once a year, when it comes it brings good cheer." At such a time one does not desire to "pile up the agony"; but the authors of the war in South Africa and their British abettors must suffer in their hearts if they are really honest and occasionally say their prayers. They have made for us another sad and sorrowful Christmas. How men of any sort of character can sacrifice their honour and the lives of Boer and Briton alike on the blood-stained altar of party, and go about cheerfully among their fellows and address public meetings with a view to make their less-informed countrymen believe that Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Salisbury, Mr. Balfour, Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener, and that great Englishman, Lord Milner, are butchers glorying in their crimes is one of those things to understand which you must be so debased a party politician that you would not mind to what pass your country fell so that its defeat occurred while your party were in office.

**Hall Caine and the Peasons.**

Among the "causes célèbres" that will signalise the lawyers' new year will be the case of Hall Caine and Peasons, the publishers. Although at first blush it seems to hinge upon a point of editorial custom, I am told the motive of the action is much farther-reaching. Anyhow, it will be an interesting investigation of the relationship between editor and author, and proprietor with both. Law is an expensive business, and Mr. Hall Caine claims to have done all he can to meet the contentions of his editor and the proprietors of the magazine for which "The Eternal City" was written, and from whose pages it was suddenly excluded. On the other hand, they maintain that he has done nothing of the kind. They may be right; they may be wrong. If, gentlemen of the jury, you think the plaintiff fulfilled all the conditions of the agreement, and that the defendant broke his contract, you will find for the plaintiff. On the other hand, if you are of opinion that the defendant throughout the transaction observed all the clauses of the contract, then you will find for the defendant. Such, in spirit, is the ordinary formula of the judicial instructions to the jury. One hopes that in this case the Law will defend the right.

**"The Eternal City."**

They say that "The Eternal City" has not achieved a commercial success equal to that of "The Christian." Times have been bad for novels. War and political excitement are not favourable to books. Criticism has been sufficiently controversial, however, to help "The Eternal City" on its triumphant way at bookstalls, and the publishers are said to be well satisfied with their part of the business. In comparison with the majority of present-day novels it has the great quality of intention and earnestness, and apart from its literary merit these are great qualities. The legal romance of the story as it will be told in the law courts should create a fresh demand for the book and augment the flow of visitors to Rome. Novels, dealing in a big way with any particular locality, have often attracted readers to the scenes of the story which has sufficiently fascinated them. I believe Mr. Carnegie's first English coach ride was the outcome of reading William Black's "Strange Adventures of a Phœnix." It was characteristic of the millionaire to secure for his boxer the author himself and a number of his friends. Many readers of "By Order of the Czar" have gone out of their way to inform me that they were first induced to visit Venice by a desire to follow in imagination the splendid progress of the lady in the red gondola.

**"A Hard Road to Travel, I Believe."**

As one of the few novelists whom the public favours and whom critics discuss, with rancour on one side and cordiality on the other, Hall Caine is an interesting figure in the literary world. Of late he has been seen a good deal in London, though he loves most the solitude of his "island castle of the sea." His coming fight in the law courts is the raison d'être of his frequent appearance of late in Fleet Street, and, thereabouts, brought to the scene of his early struggles with the exigencies of consultations between solicitor and counsel and client. Few men had rougher experiences of the bitter way to possible fame and fortune than Hall Caine. At 18 he wrote a poem and published it at his own risk. He is glad to-day that his own secret of the authorship has been well kept. When he was 20 he wrote a biography for another person, and thus with his pen earned his first ten pounds. At five-and-twenty he came to London with the manuscript of a critical work which he was advised to submit to a certain publishing house. The publisher would not see him, but he was told to write his business on a card. He did so, and after waiting some time was informed by the boy who that he might leave his MS. After three weeks he made bold to call again. The boy took him in his card. He was left waiting for a considerable time—in America they call it "holding a chair down." Presently the boy came with a pile of loose sheets of paper. They were the sheets of his book. "The Editor's compliments, and thank you," said the boy, and the manuscript went sprawling all over the table. "I gathered it up," said the author, "tucked it as deep as possible into the darkness of my Inverness cape, and went downstairs ashamed, humiliated, crushed, and broken-spirited. Not quite that either, for I remember that as I got into the fresh air at the door courage rose within me, and I cried in my heart, 'By God! you shall!'—and something proud and vain."

**The Moral.**

With that half-uttered vow in his heart, Hall Caine knocked at many doors with his first novel, and thought of other ways of earning a living. publisher's reader, lecturer, and what not—but always prodded on by what he felt to be his "call" to imaginative literature. The publishers at last had to acknowledge that he was right, and to-day they compete with each other for his work with handfuls of money on account, and they will go the length of buying and half-paying for a story before it is written. The moral is, to quote the author's own words,

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

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(1.) Notices to contain the following particulars only.—Name of missing person, description, date when lost, place where lost, to whom to apply for signature, and address of person to whom to apply for signature. (2.) Must have been missing for at least six months. (3.) Description of object must be given. A repetition will not be given. (4.) Name and address of owner must be given. (5.) Name and address of owner must be given. (6.) Name and address of owner must be given. (7.) Name and address of owner must be given.

**MEDICAL ADVICE.**

A physician, who gives advice for the cure of medical diseases, is not responsible for the reply to a medical question.

**LEGAL QUERIES.**

Original documents are not required to be sent. We cannot be responsible for returning them.

**ANXIETY.**—Must be signed.

**NOTICE.**—There is no magic in the word "notice." Let him live much in the open air; dress in flannel. Take 1 drachm of iron wine after each meal and a plain, varied diet, with much good, fresh milk.

**ALLEGED.**—Distrain on them at once or sell them by auction.

**2ND.**—We do not think they can enforce it.

**TRUST.**—About £13 is out of pocket.

**ARROW.**—We do not understand your question.

**WITNESS.**—There is no magic in the word "witness." Let him live much in the open air; dress in flannel. Take 1 drachm of iron wine after each meal and a plain, varied diet, with much good, fresh milk.

**ALLEGED.**—Try a thin finger-stall of indigo when playing.

**THREE-HAND.**—It means extraction by the electric current.

**COLD BLOOD.**—GRACE BAXTER, CHILDER-

TON.—Take 1 teaspoonful of the syr. ferric quinine in 2 ounces of water three times a day after food. Avoid all stimulants;

live meat in the diet.

**PARASITE.**—Let him live much in the open air; dress in flannel. Take 1 drachm of iron wine after each meal and a plain, varied diet, with much good, fresh milk.

**ALLEGED.**—Keep him in a warm place, and feed them on meal-worms.

**ANGLING.**

**SEA FISHER.**—Soles, plaice, and all flat fish can be readily caught with rod and line.

They are to be found on sandy or muddy bottoms, and lugworms, ragworms, mussels, and the like are among the best baits.

**DRESS.**

**ALLEGED.**—We cannot give addresses in this column, but we will be pleased to give you the information you require about corsets if you will send a stamped and addressed envelope for reply.

**DRYING.**—The ordinary dress suit is really the most correct, but some may get a dress suit made every year. Any departure from this is deemed vulgar. It may be that some new rules will, however, be laid down after the Coronation.

**SPORT ANSWERS.**

**G. O. B. (Mecklenburgh-sq., W.C.).**—Un-

known to us, but believe Magnus reliable.

Why not make certain and deal with a posi-

tively staple?

**ANXIETY.**—Cannot advise.

**J. H. (Chelmsford).**—We do not say what it is made of, but you might try straining it through fine double flannel or a jelly bag or tammy, such as jelly is passed through, again and again, to clear it. We believe they are harmless. It should be applied always in the morning, away from fire or light, well rubbed in and then brushed well. The air soon removes the smell. We know of no other.

**FIREPROOF CLOTHING.**—See CHILDREN.

"G. W. S." asks: "Can anyone give me a

recipe to make a liquid or a solution to saturate children's clothing with, which, when dry, will prevent them catching fire or igniting quickly?" We shall be obliged if anyone who has practical knowledge on the subject will reply to our correspondent's query.

**MORNA WHO WANTS TO KNOW.**—You can't do it without washing. Bust up the yolk of egg with a very little, say about a tea-spoonful of warm water, work it well into the scalp, using your nail-pins for the purpose. Then take a little cold water, add a few drops of oil of lavender, and rub it in. Finally, wash out with barely tepid water.

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**J. C. MCNAUL.**—Any good picture shop, espe-

cially in New York.

**E. W. BARRY.**—Impossible to say, the terms differ so. Some cricketers are given a benefit or a collection. Actual wages, cricketers about £5, footballers £3 (all the year round). Cyclists privately arranged terms with makers Jockeys, almost unlimited—depend upon success.

**FAIRFLAT.**—Information can only be given or dispensed by test. Don't deal with the first you name. There are plenty of others positively reliable—R. Masters, for instance.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

**E. H. (Epsom).**—As the Nationalists invariably support the Radicals their strength is generally added. They claim, however, to be entirely independent of both parties.

**BANBURY.**—The qualifications for

membership at the Royal Academy of Music are either good preliminary training or evidence of considerable natural talent for music.

**2.** The cost of the curriculum is 11 guineas per term. Students have to agree to stay three terms at least, and they pay an entrance fee of five guineas; consequently, the first year's tuition costs 35 guineas. 3. No lessons are given after 7 p.m.

**PARK.**—Say what sorts you have to crystallise.

**DECORATES.**—You must first have the colour.

which, for light oak, mix white lead to the tint

with, and for dark yellow ochre, venetian

red, and white lead. There are many others

according to the tints you wish to give.

It must be laid very smoothly, and stand for

a few days to get hard before the graining is applied.

For the grainings, colour fine

down, and add a few drops of turpentine.

Then lay on the tint, and when dry, rub

it off with a soft, rough towel.

Leave the hair loose, and thoroughly dry

before it is laid up, and cold brochures

will give no more trouble. The use of too

warm water and not drying thoroughly at

once is the cause.

**STAINS.**—Depends on what the "stains" are.

If fly-spots a little warmed spirits of wine

wiped over the place with a soft, clean

cambric handkerchief, and when the stain is off

dry, lay it on a hot stone.

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## MY STRANGEST

CASE.

BY GUY BOOTHBY.

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## CHAPTER II.

All business London, and a good many other people besides, must remember the famous United Empire Bank Fraud. Bonds had been stolen and negotiated, vast sums of money were discovered to be missing, and the manager and one of the directors were absent also. So cleverly had the affair been worked, and so glaring were the defalcations, that had it not been for the public-spirited behaviour and generosity of two of the directors, the position of the bank would have been most seriously compromised, if not shattered altogether. How the culprits had managed to slip through the fingers of the law in the first place no one could say, but the fact remains that they were able to get out of England, without, apparently, leaving a trace of their intentions or their whereabouts behind them. Scotland Yard took the matter up with its usual promptness, and at first were confident of success. They set their cleverest detectives to work upon it, and it was not until more than a month had elapsed that the men engaged were compelled most reluctantly to admit their defeat. They had done their best; it was the system under which they worked that was to blame. In the detection of crime, or in the tracing of a criminal, it is best, as in every other walk of life, to be original.

One morning on arriving at my office, I found a letter awaiting me from the remaining directors of the bank, in which they inquired if I could make it convenient to call upon them at the head office that day. To tell the truth, I had been expecting this summons for nearly a week, and was far from being displeased when it came. The work I had expected them to offer me was after my own heart, and if they would only trust the business to me and give me a free hand, I was prepared on my part to bring the missing gentlemen to justice.

Needless to say, I called upon them at the hour specified, and after a brief wait was conducted to the board-room where the directors sat in solemn concourse.

The chairman, Sir Walter Bracebridge, received me on behalf of his colleagues.

"We wrote to you, Mr. Fairfax," he said, "in order to find out whether you could help us concerning the difficulty in which we find ourselves placed. You, of course, are aware of the serious trouble the bank has experienced, and of the terrible consequences which have resulted therefrom."

I admitted that I was quite conversant with it, and waited to hear what he would have to say next.

"As a matter of fact," he continued, "we have sent for you to know whether you can offer us any assistance in our hour of difficulty? Pray take a chair, and let us talk the matter over, and see what conclusion we can arrive at."

"I seated myself, and we discussed the affair to such good purpose that, when I left the board-room, it was on the understanding that I was to take up the case at once, and that my expenses and a very large sum of money should be paid me, provided I could manage to bring the affair to a successful termination. I spent the remainder of that day at the bank, carefully studying the various memoranda. A great deal of what I had read and heard had been mere hearsay, and this it was necessary to disbelieve in order that the real facts of the case might be taken up, and the proper conclusions drawn therefrom. For three days I weighed the case carefully in my mind, and at the end of that time was in a position to give the Board a definite answer to their inquiries. Thereupon I left England, with the result that exactly twelve weeks later the two men, so much wanted, were at Bow-street, and I had the proud knowledge of knowing that I had succeeded where the men who had tried before me had so definitely failed.

As will be remembered, it was a case that interested every class of society, and Press and public were alike united in the interest they showed in it. It is not, however, to the trial itself as much as another curious circumstance connected with it, that has induced me to refer to it here. The case had passed from the magistrate's court to the Old Bailey, and was hourly increasing in interest. Day after day the court was crowded to overflowing, and when the time came for me to take my place in the witness-box and describe the manner in which I had led up to and effected the capture of the offenders, the excitement rose to fever-heat. I can see the whole scene now as plainly as if it had occurred but yesterday—the learned judge upon the bench, the jury in their box, the rows of counsel, and the benches full of interested spectators. I gave my evidence, and was examined by the counsel for the prosecution and for the defence. I described how I had traced the men from England to their hiding-place abroad, and the various attempts that had been made to prevent their extradition, and had just referred to a certain statement one of the prisoners had made to me soon after his arrest, when an interruption caused me to look behind at the rows of spectators. At the further end of the bench, nearest me, were two men; one was evidently tall, the other very short. The taller was the possessor of silvery white hair and a long and venerable beard. He was a handsome-looking man of about forty, and my first glance at him told me that he was blind. As I have said, his companion was a much smaller man, with a smooth, almost bovine face, a pair of twinkling eyes, but a mouth rather hard set. Both were evidently following the case closely, and when on the next day I saw that they were to be in the same place, I took an even greater interest in them than before. It was not, however, until the trial had finished and the pair of miserable men had been sent to penal servitude for a lengthy term of years that I made the acquaintance of the men who have just described. I remember the circumstance quite distinctly. I had left the court and was proceeding down the Old Bailey in the direction of

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"Turn round, I discovered to my astonishment the two men I had seen in the court, and who had seemed to take such an interest in the case. The smaller was guiding his friend along the crowded pavement with a dexterity that was plainly the outcome of a long practice. When I stopped, they stopped also, and the blind man addressed me. His voice was deep, and had a note of pathos in it impossible to describe. It may have been that I was a little sad that afternoon, for both the men who had been condemned to penal servitude had wives and children, to whose pitiful condition the learned judge had referred when passing sentence."

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"You pay me a very high compliment," I said, "but I cannot give you a decision at once. I must hear what it is that you want me to do, and have time to think it over before I can answer you. That is my invariable rule, and I never depart from it. Do you know my office?"

"We know it perfectly," returned the blind man. "It would be strange if we did not, seeing that we have stood outside it repeatedly, trying to summon up courage to enter. Would it be possible for you to grant us an interview to-night?"

"I fear not," I said. "I am tired, and stand in need of rest. If you care to come to-morrow morning, I shall be very pleased to see you. But you must bear in mind the fact that my time is valuable, and that it is only a certain class of case that I care to take up personally."

"We are not afraid of our case," the man replied. "I doubt if there has ever been another like it. I fancy you yourself will say so when you hear the evidence I have to offer. It is not as if we are destitute. We are prepared to pay you well for your services, but we must have the very best that England can supply."

My readers must remember that this conversation was being carried on at the corner of Ludgate Hill and the Old Bailey. Curious glances were being thrown at my companions by passers-by, and so vehement were the taller man's utterances becoming that a small crowd was gradually collecting in our neighbourhood.

"Very well," I said. "If you are really desirous of consulting me, I shall be very glad to see you at my office at ten o'clock to-morrow morning. I must ask you, however, not to be late, as I have several other appointments."

"We shall not be late," the man answered; "you may rely upon that. We have too much at stake to run any risks of losing your assistance. We will be with you to-morrow morning at ten o'clock punctually."

He thereupon bade me good-bye, and raising his hat politely, was led along the street by his companion in an opposite direction to that I was taking. They seemed delighted that I had given them an appointment, but for my part I am afraid I was too absorbed by the memories of the day, and the punishment that had been allotted to the two principal members in the swindle, to think very much of them and their business. Indeed, although I made a note of the appointment, it was not until I had arrived at the office on the following morning that I recollect their promised visit. I had just finished my correspondence, and had dictated a few letters to my managing clerk, when a junior entered with two cards, which he placed before me. The first I took up bore the name of Mr. Sennius Codd; that of the second, Mr. George Kitwater. When I had finished the letter, I was in the act of dictating, and was hourly increasing in interest. Day after day the court was crowded to overflowing, and when the time came for me to take my place in the witness-box and describe the manner in which I had led up to and effected the capture of the offenders, the excitement rose to fever-heat. I can see the whole scene now as plainly as if it had occurred but yesterday—the learned judge upon the bench, the jury in their box, the rows of counsel, and the benches full of interested spectators. I gave my evidence, and was examined by the counsel for the prosecution and for the defence. I described how I had traced the men from England to their hiding-place abroad, and the various attempts that had been made to prevent their extradition, and had just referred to a certain statement one of the prisoners had made to me soon after his arrest, when an interruption caused me to look behind at the rows of spectators. At the further end of the bench, nearest me, were two men; one was evidently tall, the other very short. The taller was the possessor of silvery white hair and a long and venerable beard. He was a handsome-looking man of about forty, and my first glance at him told me that he was blind. As I have said, his companion was a much smaller man, with a smooth, almost bovine face, a pair of twinkling eyes, but a mouth rather hard set. Both were evidently following the case closely, and when on the next day I saw that they were to be in the same place, I took an even greater interest in them than before. It was not, however, until the trial had finished and the pair of miserable men had been sent to penal servitude for a lengthy term of years that I made the acquaintance of the men who have just described. I remember the circumstance quite distinctly. I had left the court and was proceeding down the Old Bailey in the direction of

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"That goes without saying," I replied. "If I were to divulge what my clients tell me, my business would not be worth a day's purchase. You can rest assured that everything you may impart to me will be treated in strictest confidence."

"We thank you," said Kitwater. "The story I have to tell you is the strangest that has ever been told to mortal man. To begin with, you must understand that my companion and myself have but lately arrived in England. We have been for many years missionaries in China, sowing the good seed in the Western Provinces. I do not know what the learned judge had referred when passing sentence."

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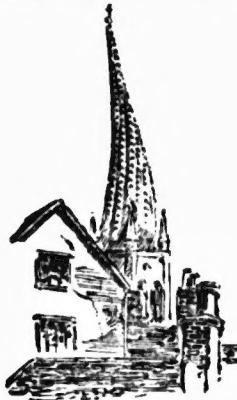
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## OUR OMNIBUS.

## THE CONDUCTOR.

From an old-fashioned borough, famous for its steeples that rivals the bunting tower of Pisa, Chesterfield, has increased.



THE CROOKED SPIRE.

within half a century, has become a busy mining centre. In the past it has a warlike history, and the Rosebery gathering on Monday links its political record with the far more important meeting of politicians and statesmen which met at Whittington to smash the Whigs two hundred odd years ago.

Beneath the curiously warped steeps, Chesterfield has one of the finest of the many beautiful churches of Derbyshire, dating back as far as the 13th century. George Stephenson lived at Chesterfield, and Sir Joseph Paxton was once a familiar figure in the old town, as were the Dukes of Devonshire. Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned in the adjacent Wingfield Manor. "Bess of Hardwick" and her grand old hall finds a place in the pages of Walpole, and Pepys narrates an incident in the domestic relations of Lord and Lady Chesterfield characteristic of an age of Court scandal and intrigue, that adds a certain piquancy to the pages of the observant old scandal-monger.

As for Lord Rosebery's speech which has almost passed into the limbo of "a nine days' wonder," the main point of it was predicted in "The People's" cartoon last week. The ex-Premier repudiated the Campbell-Bannerman crew, proclaimed his abhorrence of the charge of barbarism brought against the Army in South Africa, and stood by the flag with the fervency of an Englishman. The press is divided as to the most significant passages in his lordship's long pent-up outburst, but what is made clear enough is that the attitude of the Government in the Boer war is practically the attitude of the Rosebery party.

"The Daily Chronicle" has a scathing article on "The Daily News." It is in connection with a "D. N." misrepresentation of Lord Milner's recent despatch on the concentration camps. One is glad to see that the pro-Boer Press is no longer permitted, without vigorous protest, to inspire foreign writers with libels on English Statesmen and Generals, nor treason-mongers to have it all their own way on public platforms.

There was an idea that Lord Rosebery would "fling Lord Milner and Mr. Chamberlain to the wolves." The simile you know comes from the story of the mother and her children pursued by a ravenous pack of wolves. But Lord Rosebery made no sacrifices to the politicians who are party men before everything and their allies, who are anti-everything British. It is believed that some of the malcontents may accept the Rosebery refuge in a temporizing spirit and come once more within the legitimate circle of a loyal and powerful Parliamentary Opposition. If Lord Rosebery can accomplish this he will have rendered the State a lasting service. Anyhow, his contemptuous treatment of Campbell-Bannerman must have convinced that flabby politician that the "Never again" vow of the British people will be maintained. "Quoth the raven, 'Never more!'"—vide this week's cartoon.

## PIPER PAN.

The maiden name of the well-known prima donna, Madame Nordica, is Norton, and the claim of nearly a million sterling that she intends making against the United States Government is for sums of money which were wrongfully withheld from her family. Madame Nordica is a descendant of Ichabod Norton, a wealthy Boston shipowner, several of whose ships and cargoes were seized by French privateers during the Revolutionary war. The United States secured an indemnity from the French Government to cover the loss, but it was never paid to Ichabod Norton or his heirs, and Madame Nordica, having discovered the claim, is determined to follow it up.

We shall not be quite without music during Christmas week. Mr. Newman announces an orchestral concert at Queen's Hall on Christmas Day afternoon, and on Boxing Day a fresh series of Promenade Concerts will commence in the same hall. The musical season of 1902 will begin on New Year's Day with the annual performance of "The Messiah" by the Royal Choral Society, at Albert Hall. Handel's original accompaniments will be used, and the solo vocalists announced are Madame Albani, Miss Marie Brema; Mr. Charles Saunders, and Mr. Watkin Mills. Conductor, Sir Frederick Bridge.

Sir Walter Parratt is entirely reorganising the King's private band, and it will be in thorough working order some time before the London season commences. Mr. Sons and his band have finished their English engagements, and sailed by the Philadelphia on their return to America. Herr Gottlieb's band and Herr Kandt's band have recently played before their Majesties at Sandringham.

Mr. J. M. Glover first singer of the musical arm at the Rexhill Kursaal band receipts increased

£600, and last season they rose £2,200. These results must be gratifying to all concerned, and especially to Mr. Glover, to whose hard work and wide musical knowledge the success is due. Nearly all the music performed at the Kursaal concerts was by British composers, and most of the instrumentalists were Englishmen.

"Gulliver's Travels" is an excellent subject for a children's play, and it is little surprising that it is not more often utilised. It is not necessary that Gulliver in Lilliput should be played by an abnormally tall actor; the great thing is to arrange that the Lilliputians shall be enacted (as they will be enacted at the Avenue) by children sufficiently small. Again, in Brobdingnag, Gulliver can easily be sustained by a little boy surrounded by adults. Altogether, the story presents plenty of scope for effective treatment, and is likely to grow again in popularity with caterers for the youngsters. It might be very amusingly modernised.

At the present season of the year Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" is being performed on Friday evenings at St. Anne's, Soho. The Leipzig musician's noble work was written in 1734, and he intended the six divisions for performance on consecutive days. The oratorio is described by Wilhelm Rust, who edited the work for the Bach Society, as a sacred lyric drama.

At the Lyric opera house, Milan, a prize of £2,000 is offered for the best opera that can be written in time for production during the exhibition season of 1902. The contest is open to composers of all nationalities, and ample time is allowed to devote to the work. Further particulars can be obtained from Signor Souzougo, the well-known Milan music publisher.

Mr. Charles Santley, one of the splendid company of artists who volunteered to sing at the benefit concert of Mr. Arthur Chappell, founder of the Monday Pops, sang at the first Monday Popular Concert, which was given nearly 43 years ago.

## WILL WORKMAN.

God bless the master of this house, the mistress also, and all the little children that round the table go.

Last week "The Conductor" spoke of Christmas as "The Children's Festival," and he is quite right. How often do we hear people say, and how often do we say it ourselves, and the older we get the more we say it, that "Christmas is not what it used to be." But that is where we make a mistake. Christmas is just as good as ever it was; it is we who are not what we used to be. The fun is there just the same as it was when we were young, but we cannot see it, the laugh is there, but we don't feel inclined to join in it so heartily as we used to do.

Take, for instance, old Santa Claus, when you are a child, and wake up early on Christmas morning to see what he has put in the stocking you hung up the night before, there is a lot more fun in it than when you are the parent, and have to do the Santa Claus business yourself, and buy the things to put in the stockings. But after all, even if you have left your childhood days long behind, Christmas is a good time even now; that is to say, if you have plenty to eat, and plenty to drink, and good health with it, and that is what I wish every reader of "The People."

And I wish all the good wishes they could wish themselves, not only to all those who read this paper, but also to all those who don't read it, to all Conservatives and Radicals, Churchmen, and Dissenters, and to all Imperialists, and (at Christmas-time) I am very best thanks. A pleasing feature since last Christmas or the beginning of the present year is the great number of appreciative letters and notes I have received from correspondents in many foreign and colonial countries (especially South Africa), which shows that "the old People," as it has been frequently termed by them, is read by the society on the river bank. Mr. Harris (hon sec) and his committee deserve a word of praise for the excellent arrangements made.

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The duckbill is a peculiar mole-like creature with short legs, short flat tail and webbed feet. Its fur is very soft, somewhat like that of the beaver, and of a dark greyish brown colour above and light ashy beneath. It derives its name from the great resemblance its mouth bears to the bill of a duck. In habits it is aquatic, and its food consists of insects, worms, and crustaceans, which it obtains by thrusting its bill into the soft mud. In some parts of Australia it is fairly common, but on account of its shy and retiring disposition and its habit of immediately sinking below the surface of the water or taking refuge in its burrow when alarmed, it is rarely seen. A full-grown specimen of the duckbill measures about a foot and a half in length, and stands about four inches in height.

A correspondent of Elgin Crescent, W., has sent me a fish accompanied by the following letter:—"The enclosed fish was taken from the Thames in the neighbourhood of Chiswick, but I have never heard of the Thames holding any of the sort below Reading. I am told that shoals of them are met with about Putney and Chiswick, and that they frequently jump aboard the racing boats. I think it likely to be a fish from the sea, and bearing in mind that lampreys and eels find their way up rivers I see no reason why this fish should not ascend them."

The same writer adds that the note on the "kangaroo cat" which recently appeared in "The People" reminds him that on an occasion some twelve years ago he was about to destroy a litter of kittens when he discovered one with only three legs, one widely separated as Addlestone and front ones being missing, and no Walham Green. The room was

injury present to account for its disappearance. He kept it for about a year, and it had no difficulty in getting about on its three legs. It was, however, of rather a savage disposition, probably on account of its being so often handled by persons examining its deformity.

The above-mentioned fish when it reached me was in too dried a condition for me to be positive as to its identity, but it much resembled a smelt, and I am of opinion that it was an example of that fish. Smelts are both salt-water and fresh-water fish, spending August to May in the latter element and descending to the sea after they have spawned. They were formerly abundant in the Thames in his sickness, and all will join "Old Izaak" in wishing him a speedy restoration to health.

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As I have often stated before in this column, the artificial conditions under which domestic animals are kept cause all sorts of breaches in the laws which regulate the habits of animals in a state of nature; it is, therefore, not exceptional for them under such conditions to breed out of season as many of my readers appear to think it is. I have had many letters on the subject of cage birds breeding at all times of the year and bringing up several broods, and, although of interest to me, I am not able to find room to publish them in this column. One correspondent, however, writes that a pair of his canaries, since the spring, have brought up five broods of five each, and at the present time are sitting on six eggs. This is an exceptional case.

Mrs. Elizabeth Robins has identified herself so completely with the English stage that very few people, probably, realise that she is of American nationality. I can well remember her first modest appearance among us, in the days when she played Mrs. Errrol in "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and so forth, not coming fully to the front till her name became associated with that of Ibsen. It is said that she was engaged originally to play the part of Mrs. Tanqueray in Mr. Pinero's Campbell. Now suppose that a pair of his canaries, since the spring, have brought up five broods of five each, and at the present time are sitting on six eggs. This is an exceptional case.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending Dec. 17 include 1 crab-eating opossums (mother and nine young ones), a plantain squirrel, a Nicobar pigeon, an otter, two South Island robins, and a green monkey.

## OLD IZAAK.

Angling has been, to a great extent, impracticable of late, and the sea-fishermen have had a particularly rough time of it. Conditions now are far more favourable, for the rains have put colour into most rivers; the weeds are no longer troublesome, and there is everywhere prospect of sport. The official reports of the Thames Angling Preservation Society show the river to be in good trim throughout their district, and the Lee, Great Ouse, and similar streams, including the Midland rivers, all give hopeful indications.

Pike and perch are now on the feed, and the roach will doubtless follow suit. Mr. Cartwright, at Chertsey, has landed a 4lb. pike, perch of 1lb., and some nice roach, and Mr. T. Ives, in the same quarter, has had several small pike. Roach of 1lb. each have been had in the Ware and Rye House districts of the Lee, and the good old river once more gives promise of sport.

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As the New Year approaches most people make good resolutions, and when the New Year comes in, break them. One resolution which should be made and kept is to support our two trading institutions—the National Cyclists' Union and the Cyclists' Touring Club. It costs exactly 5s. to become a member of either of these institutions, and it is money well spent, as both have a splendid record of work done for the benefit of cyclists, and all who cycle should support them. Mr. Noble, of 27, Chancery-lane, E.C., is the secretary of the National Cyclists' Union, and Mr. E. R. Shipton, of 47, Victoria-st., Westminster, is the secretary of the Cyclists' Touring Club, and either of both will be glad to welcome new members.

Nothing is more enjoyable than a cycle spin on a frosty day, provided that the frost has lasted long enough for the traffic to have rolled the rut down. When the ruts are frozen it is like riding over a succession of train lines, and great care is needed. Unfortunately, so far this winter the frost has been of such short duration that the rut trouble has been very much in evidence, and in these circumstances riding ceases to be a pleasure.

Chas. Pease, the Irish fifer, over whom amateur status there was so much discussion last summer, has obtained a commission in the Connacht Rangers, and takes up his military duties at Chatham. This will place him under the jurisdiction of the National Cyclists' Union, and should he desire to race again, he would have to apply to that body for permission to do so. It is stated, however, that he does not intend to appear again upon the racing path, and therefore it is not likely that an old discussion will be reopened.

A writer in "The Irish Wheelman" gives some good advice to those who cycle down to business throughout the year. The chief objection to doing this is that one gets hot and dirty, to say nothing of getting wet on one's ride to business, and then has to spend the rest of the day in damp clothes. The writer in question advocates for the body a good cape, with warm under-clothing, and the legs protected with long overalls with garter-like protections to cover the boots. This latter is the most important item, as in wet feet lie the germs of all kinds of diseases.

A correspondent, commenting on my remarks about chains getting muddy, sends me the following advice as to cleaning a chain, which, although it is old, is worth while repeating: "To keep a chain in silky running order, about every six months give it a good paraffin wash, clean it all the grit. Then let it simmer for a couple of hours in a large gallipot containing enough Russian tallow to completely cover the chain. Take out and wipe, but not too thoroughly." The only objection to this, which is absolutely the best method of cleaning a chain, is that it necessitates taking off and replacing the chain, which everyone does not care to do.

The recent invitation smoking concert of the Walton-on-Thames Anglers, held at the Anglers' Hotel, and over which Mr. B. Poole presided, proved a most successful function, and was well attended by anglers from clubs as widely separated as Addlestone and front ones being missing, and no Walham Green. The room was adorned with cases of specimens fish; a club of nearly 3lb., a carp of 2lb., a bream of 4lb., and a pike of 16lb. being on the walls. The concert was excellent, Mr. George Edmonds (musical director) singing the "Fishing Match" to perfection, and the programme was appreciated throughout.

Anglers of all classes will hear with great regret of the serious illness of Mr. Charles Briand, the honoured and respected father of the True Waltons (the oldest of London angling societies), of which he has been a member for more than 40 years. The sympathy of the entire fraternity is with him in his sickness, and all will join "Old Izaak" in wishing him a speedy restoration to health.

## MADAME.

The new petticoat has a deep shaped band, which is boned, ensuring the perfect fit around the waist, which is essential for the straight, tight fitting skirt now so much worn. The petticoat is trimmed at the edge with a deep lace, headed in Vandyke fashion by three rows of baby ribbons.

A narrow piece of tape should be used round the waist, and small tapes should be used from the hem.

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## THE NEW PETTICOAT.

RUFFIANS IMPRISONED.

At N London Sessions, Reuben Gardner, 19, and Jno. Dutton, 18, were found guilty of having maliciously inflicted grievous bodily harm upon Elsie Waldron in Cowcross-st., E.C., on Nov. 12, and Harry Clover was convicted of indecently assaulting the woman.

The details were of a shocking character. Prosecutrix was the victim of a dastardly attack. She was grossly maltreated and brutally kicked by the accused and other men.

All had been previously in gaol.

Dutton was ordered 15, Gardner 12, and Clover six months' incarceration.

## A MISER'S HOARD.

William Bachelor, 82, who for years died himself at Ewell, died on Friday at Epsom Infirmary. On Friday last week he was found lying on the floor of his house in a semi-conscious state. He was deplorably dirty and weak, and the house in a wretched state. The reliving officer was notified, and deceased was removed to the infirmary.

The house has been searched, and already £2,000 in gold

has been recovered, in addition to a number of bank notes, one 50 years old.

Silver plate, gold and silver watches, and money were found in all manner of places. Deceased also had considerable real property in Ewell.

## INCENDIARISM AT THE DOCKS.

Chas. Price, 27, pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey to setting fire to a building belonging to the London and India Dock Co.—It was stated prisoner had been casually employed at the Victoria Docks at Poplar, and one evening a fire was discovered in Shed No. 17. This was extinguished, and the watchman went to report the circumstance to his inspector. On returning he found another fire burning, and prisoner adding fuel to it. He ran away, but was caught. Between June 1899, and August last there had been five fires, believed to be the work of incendiaries, at the docks, and damage done to the extent of £173,470.—Five years' penal servitude.

## REPRIEVE OF A MURDERER.

Geo. Ed. Hobbs, who was sentenced

to death at the Derbyshire Assizes



## DRAMA AND MUSIC.

## VAUDEVILLE.

"BLUEBELL IN FAIRYLAND."

Messrs. Gatti and Frohman, anticipating Christmas, have brought out their special holiday attraction a week in advance. For with last week's came the production, both for the morning and evening, of a new musical dream play entitled "Bluebell in Fairyland," written by Mr. Seymour Hicks for the dialogue, Mr. Walter Slaughter for the music, and Mr. Aubrey Hopwood for the lyrics. Thoroughly sweet and sympathetic in its tendency the story unfolded is happily addressed to children, by whom in many of its most salient features it is told. The action has a certain freshness in that it combines realism with fancy, the humorous characteristics of practical modern life, in its poorest social aspects, with the poetical fancies andairy creations of elfland.

A clever girl and crossing-sweeper, severally played by Miss Ellaline Terriss and Mr. Seymour Hicks, are the hero and heroine, the want and hardship of whose sum life are softened by love. Their casual street meeting and their joyous proposal to spend some of their hard earnings with a jaunt to the gallery leads up to the revelation of Mr. Hicks in a new capacity, that of an excellent mimic of the best known of his brother players. Irving, Tree, Wilson Barrett and Gillette, in turn, were recalled, to the surprise and gratification of the audience. Bluebell, returning alone to her garret, falls asleep as she reads a fairy tale to her little sisters, when the fairy of the story book is visioned before her; leading the pretty damsel from her sordid home to the sumptuous palace of a rich King who, as the penalty of playing miser to his starving subjects, has been doomed 300 years earlier, to pass his life in a cave beneath the roots of a gnarled oak. From his dreadful durance he can only be released by the coming of a pure maiden to his rescue. Led by the Fairy and Will o' the Wisp, Bluebell descends to the cave where the royal prisoner, like his prototype, Rip Van Winkle, and with the age of centuries, released in his hoary personality, is aroused from his long slumber and conducted back to his palace; where, rejuvenated into the handsome young Prince he was when doomed to his penance, he claims his pretty saviour for his bride.

This bald narrative gives but a slight notion of the bright and exhilarating feast of song and dance among the forest elves enjoyed by Bluebell on her journey to the cave. Needless to say with the flower girl, impersonated by Miss Ellaline Terriss, she gave the fairies even more than she got from them in sweet vocal music and dainty poetry of motion. Miss Terriss' most charming display was a coon song which, by a sudden change of light, develops into the melody, "A Little Bit of String," with which this delightful actress was wont to entrance her audience. The awakening from the dream in the garret shows the flower girl and the crossing-sweeper happy in the embrace of an honest affection. Mr. Hicks is developing a welcome gift for the portrayal of strongly marked character proving his advance in his art. The most popular item in the entertainment was the singing of a girl of four or five years, Molly Moore, who by her childish beauty and grace and perfect vocalisation moved the audience to enthusiastic applause. In a cast of no fewer than 53 parts it must suffice to state that all acquitted themselves with a perfection, rare indeed at a first performance. Mr. Slaughter's music, if not strictly original, is throughout bright and tuneful, and truly illustrative of the action. The costumes and setting of the first story are in excellent taste and exceedingly picturesque. The whole entertainment was enlivening, and ensured the hearty reception its quality so well merited.

## COMEDY.

## "MOROCO FOUND."

We have a lively recollection of the amusing character of "Morocco Bound" when it was running some few years ago. It has now been revived, but unfortunately it has not improved by keeping, or is it that the musical comedy, which needs a strong and experienced cast, is, in the present instance, too much in the hands of weaklings? We fear this is the truth, for although Mr. J. L. Shine and Mr. Charles Darby are found in their former rôles of the retired coster and Spoofey Bey, and do their best to extract such humour as is possible out of Mr. A. Branscombe's book, and Miss Kitty Loftus and Mr. Fred Storey bring their talents to bear in other directions, the opening performance was a decidedly spiritless affair.

Mr. Frank Barclay, who has an excellent voice, did well as the Squire's son, but the other vocalists of the company—ladies—were much over-weighted. Insufficient rehearsal was apparent, and consequent nervousness, but when the thing has been pulled together it may attract during the holiday season. Dr. Osmond Carr's music is tuneful, if not distinguished. The piece is beautifully mounted, and the chorus is full of animation and gaiety.

## PRINCESS'S.

## "THE ROOM OF BIG BEN."

The popularity won by Mr. Arthur Shirley's domestic drama, "The Room of Big Ben," at the East-end Pavilion, fully accounts for its transference to the West-end, where at the Oxford-street theatre the piece was given with all the original effects last Monday. Brought out under the direction of the original producer, Mr. Isaac Cohen, the sensational incidents of the young rake's temptation and ultimate redemption from vice and crime through the affection of a tender mother, a devoted sister, and a loving sweetheart, appealed direct to the emotions of the pit and gallery, whose hearty applause gave proof of how thoroughly their sympathies were enlisted, and their suffrages secured. Much of the interest thus felt and shown in the development of the story was no doubt due to the excellence of its interpretation. The fine sonorous voice of Mr. Wm. McIlholland's theatre—where for Boxing Day and the rest of the week reliance is placed, and with good reason, on "San Toy," which has now ended its two years' run at Daly's Theatre—a new play has just been produced, entitled "The Green Goddess." It is by Mr. Russell Vann, who has already given us a stage work with a mysterious significance. His latest effort, it cannot be denied, is a clever one, and if at times the motive

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## APOLLO.

"Kitty Grey," which is running a bright and prosperous course at the handsome theatre in Shaftesbury-avenue, has now the advantage of Miss Ada Reeve in the part with which Miss Evie Greene's name has hitherto been associated. This is not to be taken as implying that Miss Greene did not impart to the character all possible significance and effect; indeed, we have more than once praised her performance highly. However, the change having been made, it may be recorded that the newcomer, who is so popular with those who delight in the musical comedy, brings to her task all that vivacity and charm which the part of the actress requires. In other respects the cast remains as on its first production at the Apollo, and "Kitty Grey" continues to delight all who see this sprightly musical comedy.

## ROYALTY.

## "THE SWINEHERD AND THE PRINCESS."

In "The Swineherd and the Princess," the musical extravaganza seen for the first time at the Dean-street playhouse on Thursday night, extreme meet, as they are apt to do in fairyland; but the social conjunction is but nominal after all, for the Swineherd is really a Prince in disguise, who having lent golden thousands to his neighbour, a roistering old King of misrule, whose sole merit is that he is the Princess's father, declines to accept his impious Majesty's sordid proposal to receive the fair lady's hand in discharge of the loan, chivalrously preferring after a sight of her Royal Highness to return in the guise of a Swineherd to win her for love, and no ends else. The legend following, as the adaptors, Messrs. England and Collard acknowledge, is a tale in the fairest of Hans Christian Andersen is continued with the pretty wooing of the pair through a bright and lively courtship of song and dance; and ends with the gallant royal lover declaring himself revealed in regal attire and claiming as a Prince the Princess, whose heart he had won as a peasant. Such is the simple elfland phantom which, burgeoning out with merry chants and saltatory diversions, runs its course through three acts—an act, he it said, too many for so slight and obvious a fable. The action, however, is redeemed from tediousness by the personal charm of the two bright particular stars representing the Swineherd and the Princess, Miss Decima Moore and Miss Phyllis Broughton. The personal grace, super-added to the terpsichorean and vocal gifts of these established favourites, enlivens the scene and, therewith the audience whenever they were present to gratify alike eye and ear by their dainty dances and melodious notes. As the rolicking King, Mr. R. C. Hera, though good enough to pass muster in burlesque, fell short as a mere droll of his previous quality and promise as a comedian. Following his leader Mr. Nye Chart at the Royal Major Domo was more than sufficiently extravagant in the low comedy vein. The humour of both these players was a straining after effect in comedy vein. Master Lawrence Emery made a favourable impression by his firm portrayal of "The Tiny Home;" and Miss K. Stewart and Miss V. Darrell gave piquant individuality to secondary characters. Mr. St. Amory's music, while fresh in most of its numbers and refined in all, still lacks the lift and catch of such definite melody as haunts the listener, and both helps and allures him to recall its airs and phrases. Nothing is wanting in picturesque scenery, beauty of costumes, and, it may be added, of their wearers, to render the extravaganza pleasing to holiday playgoers.

## KENNINGTON.

## "THE WILDERNESS."

In his hurried tour round the local theatres before settling down again in his West-end home, Mr. G. Alexander has naturally included in his repertoire the play by Mr. Easmon.

The "Wilderess," with which he intends re-opening his season. Keenington has just had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Alexander in the character of Sir Harry Milanor, one which, while it gives him opportunity for a display of that spirit of comedy which is genuinely his own, also enables him to show forth the stronger arm of his histrionic equipment. This is not the time to discuss anew Mr. Easmon's play, wherein is shown the true woman really in love with her husband after marriage, stung to self-revelation by the knowledge of the base trickery by which she won her wealthy helpmate. Herin, Mr. Alexander and Miss Eva Moore are joined in stage partnership with the most satisfying results, the former, perhaps, seen at his best in the woodland glade where his childhood's days rush back to him, and he peoples anew the fairy ring with the dainty fancies of his boyhood, and the latter when alive to her love and duty she dismises the loves of her young and scheming years. A good deal has been said against the idea of Mr. Easmon well to retain the episode if only to show cause in his own imaginings. There have been certain changes in the cast since "The Wilderess" was first produced, and of these it is only necessary to notice the appearance of Miss Lillian Braithwaite as Edith Thorold. She naturally invests the character with no little charm, but we would offer this word of advice to the young actress, to beware of over-deterrence in utterance. A hurried speech on the part of the pit and gallery, whose hearty applause gave proof of how thoroughly their sympathies were enlisted, and their suffrages secured. Much of the interest thus felt and shown in the development of the story was no doubt due to the excellence of its interpretation.

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Rich and Rich, Mr. J. M. Campbell, Mr. W. Fullbrook, The Bierras, Lottie Stone's Alexandre troupe of dancers, and a full opera chorus and ballet of 150. The pantomime will be produced to-morrow evening.

Mr. Arthur Seymour, the manager of "Gulliver's Travels," in order to avoid clashing with another production, has fixed Monday evening next, the 23rd inst., for the first presentation of Mr. George Grossmith jun.'s new children's play at the Avenue Theatre.

"Santa Claus" will be produced at the Alhambra on Boxing Day afternoon. It will introduce a new electrical effect, "Sunlight and Starlight." The Christmas programme is a strong one.

## THE ALHAMBRA.

To a certain extent it matters very little what it is that a ballet concerns itself with so long as the music be tuneful and cheerful, and the stage pictures present a happy mixture of scenic colour and graceful evolution. One is prompted to this result by witnessing the revival at the Alhambra of the spectacle which, produced before the late Queen's death brought the nation to sorrow, is now included in an attractive programme under the title of "Soldiers of the King." Familiarity with the requirements of the piece has resulted in a production of exceptional smoothness, and with a suggestion of newness in the setting of the stage pictures the ballet "goes" with abundant spirit.

The way in which the representatives of the various regiments are put through involved and eye-pleasing drills, would do credit to the real Tommy on review day. We are shown all the smartness and bustle of camp life, with just that suggestion of the lighter side of barrack existence, which so many people have the idea is the be-all and end-all of soldiering at home. Although the ballet was first produced when the war fever was at its height, it finds equal acceptance now that the stern realities of the great campaign have sobered us all that dogged perseverance to "see the thing through." Among other good things in the Alhambra programme are the efforts of the wire equilibrist, Ida and Constance, while Dewitt and Burns, whose acrobatic feats are the cause of genuine wonderment, must not be forgotten, and, of course, "Gretna Green," the pretty vocal "divertissement" still holds a prominent place in the nightly entertainment. The "Santa Claus" fairy-ballet, due on Boxing Day, will appeal with special force to the children, who, with the exception of the pit-stalls, pit, and gallery, are to have the run of the house at half the usual prices.

## CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

A very gorgeous property is Aladdin's Lamp" which is to be carried by the hero of that hardy annual of the festive season. No less than 8,000 stones have been used in its construction, and we are assured that

Rich and Rich, Mr. J. M. Campbell, Mr. W. Fullbrook, The Bierras, Lottie Stone's Alexandre troupe of dancers, and a full opera chorus and ballet of 150. The pantomime will be produced to-morrow evening.

Mr. Arthur Seymour, the manager of "Gulliver's Travels," in order to avoid clashing with another production, has fixed Monday evening next, the 23rd inst., for the first presentation of Mr. George Grossmith jun.'s new children's play at the Avenue Theatre.

"Santa Claus" will be produced at the Alhambra on Boxing Day afternoon. It will introduce a new electrical effect, "Sunlight and Starlight." The Christmas programme is a strong one.

## Very quaint are the mannerisms of

Mark Milton. Perhaps the gentleman is a little undecided as to what particular model to base his effusion. We would advise him to follow his own. "Just Like Father" is an ingenious song, and at the Empress Music Hall has met with great approval.

At the Metropolitan the Christmas programme will include Paul Martinetto and Co. in a new production, "My Wife"; Mark Melford and Co. in "A Bow Street Case, or Pinched for Biggity"; Lottie Collins, Ida Heath, Alec Hurley, Tom Leamore, Leo Dryden, Barnard's Marionettes, and other seasonal attractions.

There will be an entire change of programme at the Tivoli for the Christmas holidays, and it will be presented for the first time to-morrow. Among the artists engaged are Marie Lloyd, Lottie Collins, Kate Carney, Lily Langtry, Bransby Williams (in the character of "Scrooge," from Dickens' Christmas Carol), Tom Lester, George D'Albert, Alec Hurley, the Collins Trio (in "A Private Scene"), the Brothers Horne, and Joe Elvin and company in a new sketch.

The Royal Aquarium Christmas programme, commencing to-morrow, will include not only a wealth of entertainment, but an exhibition of electricity which renders the building quite a fairyland with the brilliant illumination of hundreds of various coloured lights and devices. A popular feature, too, will be the promised demonstration of Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy, to be given from the central stage. The entertainments will include a great diversity of performances, from pantomime sketch to the female Blondin, who rides a bicycle on a high rope in mid-air. The Bioscope with up-to-date pictures, of course, occupies a prominent position.

The arrangements made for the Christmas holidays at the Crystal Palace are, with the big attractions, the Children's Exhibition and Toy Fair and the International Gas Exhibition, of a more than usually extensive character. Besides the many features of the Children's Exhibition to interest the adults as well as the youngsters, Torbay, the giant shadowgraphist, will give his unique entertainment in the Novelty Theatre. This is Torbay's first appearance in England, but as his show was one of the best at the recent Paris Exhibition there is no doubt that he will be well worth seeing. Mr. Humphrey E. Brammall's pantomime, "Blue Beard," will be running in the Variety Theatre, while in the Centre Transcept the circus, also produced by him, will open twice daily.

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## ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE

upon Fdk. Cox, a jeweller, on Oct. 3 last, and with stealing from his premises.

54, Clerkenwell-rd., 18 gold bracelets, 27 silver watches, two silver spoons, a gold brooch, 39 gold pins, two gold seals, a gold charm, a 21 piece, a cheque book, 23s. 6d. in cash, and other articles, valued together at £250. Prisoners were further charged with receiving the property well knowing it to have been stolen. Mr. Lewis prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury. Mr. E. Kettle defended Lawrence.

## PROSECUTOR'S EVIDENCE.

Prosecutor, who said he was 71, gave evidence bearing out Mr. Lewis's statement as to his being attacked by masked men. He believed his disguised assailants to be Connor and Lewis, one of whom said, "We've not come here to murder you, but to rob you. If you resist we'll shoot you." The two masked men and a third man then surrounded him. They struck a handkerchief in his mouth, and bound his eyes with a second handkerchief.

They afterwards bound his hands behind him with straps and ropes, and laid him on the floor, where one man held him while the other took his

## RANACKED THE PLACE

to see him. He got rooms in a hotel for her, and for six weeks she stayed there. Her husband never visited her in the hotel, but always outside by arrangement. They never lived as man and wife. Owing to her husband's indifference their relations became strained. She saw him at Cambridge in 1888, and an unpleasant interview took place. She wanted a home and money. He said he could not give her a home, and afterwards he posted her £4. That was the last letter she had from him. He went to India, and afterwards to South Africa. She wrote to him asking him to take her out. He made no answer. She did. Her husband went to the Curragh Camp, and then surrounded him. They struck a handkerchief in his mouth, and bound his eyes with a second handkerchief.

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## ARMY ROMANCE.

A SECRET MARRIAGE ENDS IN DIVORCE.

An action of divorce was heard in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, before Lord Kyllachy, in which Mrs. Kate Stewart or Haldane, Blair, Fife, sued James Aymer Haldane, a captain in the Gordon Highlanders, quartered in Edinburgh Castle. Great interest was taken in the case, the defendant belonging to a well-known Edinburgh family, and being also the officer who made the famous escape from Pretoria with Mr. Winston Churchill. The pursuer was the first witness. She stated that she met the defendant in Belfast in 1888. He was a lieutenant then. They left Belfast and resided in Greenock for a time in order to give them a residential qualification. They were married there by declaration before the Sheriff.

## MARRIAGE KEPT SECRET.

The marriage, at her husband's request, was kept secret, and she was given his maiden name of Miss Stewart. Her husband did not wish his brother officers and his relatives to know of the marriage. They spent the marriage day in Dunoon, and her husband left the same evening. He went to Edinburgh, and afterwards to Belfast for six weeks. She lived with her relatives, and then went to Belfast to see her husband. He visited her during the day, but never at night. He told her the officers were talking about his connection with her. She did. Her husband went to the Curragh Camp, and then surrounded him. They struck a handkerchief in his mouth, and bound his eyes with a second handkerchief.

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accorded them in any other country than our own all over the civilised world. Where but in England would the police have risked their own lives to protect a speaker who represented a party which had grossly outraged the national sentiment, and have smuggled him away in safety instead of leaving him to the fury of a justly indignant populace?

The fact is that we English are a patient, a very patient people; but even British patience has limits, and the pro-Boers have brought up popular feeling to such a pitch that peaceful citizens do not hesitate to emulate the violence of the hired pro-Boer Hooligans who figured so prominently on the occasion of the famous—infamous—Queen's Hall meeting. For this state of things the anti-nationalists have only themselves to thank. They have taught the people of this country to discriminate between free speech and free treason, and the lesson has been learned with a thoroughness which must be exceedingly distasteful to the teachers. In this opinion, and in regard to the present political situation, we are glad to find ourselves in perfect agreement with that stalwart democratic Tory, Mr. Wanklyn, the outspoken member for Central Bradford. We heartily commend his last night's address to our readers.

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As to the future of "The People" we do not regard any extension of its usefulness in the light of finality. Our policy is to move with the times. Several new features which we propose to introduce will, we hope, with the considerable enlargement of size, be an earnest of our desire to cater for our increasing circle of readers.

Mr. E. T. Hooley is removed from the list of Deputy-Lieutenants for the County of Cambridge.

The Kelvedon Hatch Parish Church near Brentwood, was yesterday found to have been entered by thieves, who had carried off an electro-plated flagon forming part of the communion plate.

Edmonton District Council have acceded to a request made by the Alexandra Park trustees to contribute £2,000 towards the purchase of the lake in the grounds and some adjoining land.

## talk of the people.

**Sunday Morning.** Not many more significant things have happened during the last few days in politics than the vote of the Liverpool Reform Club on Friday. That club is a particularly good representative of what one may call intellectual Radicalism in the provinces, and it is impossible to attach too much importance to the fact that, without a single dissentient voice, it passed a resolution which was practically an invitation to Lord Rosebery to return to the leadership. In plain English, the party is more than ready for Lord Rosebery, and the only question is whether Lord Rosebery is ready for the party.

His position has been very much strengthened by the extraordinary manner in which Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman has given himself away in his controversy with Lord George Hamilton. With amazing fatuity Sir Henry demanded that Lord George should prove his accusation against him of traducing the British Army. This, as you know, Lord George promptly and very effectively did, and poor Sir Henry had no answer to give, except that he really never meant anything of the kind, and that his words must be taken to imply something else than their plain meaning. With this result in such an ugly mess as this Lord Rosebery has the ball at his feet.

The completion of the Uganda railway to the Victoria Nyanza marks an epoch in the opening-up of Africa. There is nothing for dispelling the darkness of a dark continent like the whistle of the locomotive, and the building of this railway from Mombasa up to the great lake will probably be regarded by future ages as one of the greatest services which England ever rendered to the cause of civilization and peace. It is just worth remembering that this is the great work which the Radicals wanted to abandon, because, as they said, it could never be made to pay.

It is quite plain, in spite of what the pro-Boer Press tries to make us believe, that the Boer resistance is beginning to give out. The stalwart burghers are much more ready to surrender when they are cornered than they were even a week or two ago, and by all accounts their supplies of cartridges are very nearly at an end. It is said, indeed, that they have practically no Mauser ammunition at all now, and even the Boer is not very formidable when his gun has got no powder in it. But it is of no use to expect a sudden and formal end to the war. That may or may not come; but it is safer to look for its conclusion in that steady mopping-up of the enemy's laager, which Lord Kitchener is doing so thoroughly and so well.

In any case I cannot see that it would do the least good to negotiate with Mr. Kruger. He has not a shadow of authority left in the Transvaal, and, if he had, the Boers in the field would not recognise it. It is with men like Botha and Delaray that peace will have to be made eventually, not with a discarded and discredited refugee.

I haven't the honour of the Sheikh of Kuwait's personal acquaintance, but I think I shall be safe in prophesying that the very last thing he is likely to do is to accept the invitation of his Suerain to spend a week or two in Constantinople. It appears to be the intention of the Sultan to endeavour to counteract the effect of the recent snub he got from France by asserting his authority in places where it is little more than a shadow, and the order to the Sheikh is one way of doing it. But if that wary old Turk does not recognise the sound of "Dilly, Dilly, come and be killed" in the invitation, he doesn't deserve to keep his neck out of the bow-string.

Meanwhile, all this Kuwait business is of very considerable interest to others who are vastly more important than either Sheikh or Sultan. To both England and Russia the place is of the utmost importance, and the latter Power is encouraging the Sultan as much as possible, in the hope, always present to the Russian mind, that troubling the waters will result in good fishing. At the bottom this apparently trivial dispute is really a move in that great game which on the side of Russia is the obtaining of a warm-water naval station, and on that of England the retaining of the naval supremacy in the Persian Gulf.

The horrible and revolting case which was concluded on Friday at the Old Bailey has ended in the infliction of punishments which, though severe, are scarcely severe enough. The public mind will perhaps be satisfied at the sentence of 15 years passed upon the man Jackson, but his detectable wife has got off more lightly than she should with seven, though she should with seven. A more abominable pair of scoundrels never disgraced even the dock of the Central Criminal Court.

But it is quite a mistake to imagine that the crime of which these Jacksons have been convicted is somehow new and unheard of thing. Unhappily this mingling of blasphemy and vice with religion of the grossest sensuality, is as old as "Ashbaroth, Goddess of the Sidonians" and has appeared in every age and every nation. India, Greece, Rome, Tyre, Egypt, and many another great civilization, have seen it before, and it only comes as such a shock to us because we have foolishly flattered ourselves that in the Twentieth Century human nature is something different from what it was in the first.

The most important paper in Germany is surprised, and apparently pained, that in Lord Rosebery's speech there was no attack upon the Government for coming to terms with the United States over the Nicaragua Canal. It would be just as well if our good friends on the Continent would understand, once for all, that England and America are absolutely determined to remain friends, and that no English Government, which did not recognise this fact would have the English people behind it. It may be very disagreeable to Continental editors to find that it is quite impossible to excite the two branches of the Anglo-Saxons against one another, against the advice of Signor Crisp.—Dalsel.

## LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

**HOME.** There was a break up of the frost in the Lincolnshire Fens, to the great disappointment of skaters.

Erich Taylor, of Nuneaton, was killed at the Griff Colliery, Nuneaton, owing to a big fall of rock.

Several well-known spinning and manufacturing firms in and around Manchester are contemplating running their mills with electricity.

Daley Hill House, Castle Drive, Rawdon, near Leeds, the residence of Mr. G. A. Reason, has been entered.

A quantity of spoons, &c., were taken.

A midwife, named Macdonald,

was sentenced by the Dover magistrate to six weeks' hard labour for shocking cruelty to a child under her care.

A G.W.R. porter, named Harriet,

was returning from fog-signalling near Wootton Bassett, when he was knocked down by an up goods train and killed.

Mr. Rudyerd Kipling and family sailed from Southampton for the Cape.

There was a birth and a death during the voyage.

In the Birmingham Canal at Ocker

Hill, near Wednesbury, the body has

been found of Mrs. Lawley, head-

mistress of the national schools in the

village.

The body of a farm labourer named

Robert Johnson, has been found hanging

to the branch of a tree in a wood

at Samlesbury, between Blackburn and Preston.

At Coventry, John Cox, labourer,

was sentenced to two months' hard

labour for breaking three panes of

glass at the workhouse, and for assaulting a porter.

The threatened strike of 10,000

Scot ironmoulders has been averted.

The men, by a majority of four to one,

having decided to allow the waggon

question to remain in abeyance for

three months.

The first of a peal of bells, given 17

years ago by the late Mr. J. Higham,

of Swinton, near Manchester, to St.

John's Church, Morley Common, Tyldesley, has just been rung, and will be used to day for the first time.

At Nottingham, Ed. W. Wilson,

landlord of the Jolly Anglers public

house, Plumtree-st., was fined £10 for

permitting betting on his premises.

Thomas Smith, bookmaker, and his son

George, were respectively fined £10

and £5 for aiding and abetting.

Mr. Montague Jones, M.A., of

Leamington College, has been ap-

pointed Head Master of St. Albans

Grammar School, the oldest founda-

tion in the Kingdom, and the only one

partly maintained out of the proceeds

of wine charters granted by Elizabeth

and King James.

Lord Roberts has asked Major Kemp,

of the Heywood Division, to

take command of a yeomanry battalion

for S. Africa. About two years ago

Major Kemp went to S. Africa in com-

mand of the 23rd Co. Imperial Yeo-

mannry, and whilst there was promoted

to the rank of major.

It is the opinion of a Midland expert

that the damage and the resultant re-

pair occasioned by the recent heavy

awards to the telegraph wires in the

county will amount to close upon

£20,000. The storm of 1881 was not

so severe, but it cost £100,000, and

since then the number of circuits have

increased 100 per cent.

Some ill-feeling has been caused in

the Isle of Man by the seizure at the

Post Office, by the Customs authori-

ties, of Christmas puddings and other

confections containing sugar, dried

fruits, and spirits, addressed to Eng-

land. This procedure is intended to

prevent the recipients benefitting from

the lighter Manx duty on sugar and

the absence of duty on sugar and

dried fruit.

**FOREIGN.**

The Yale boating authorities have

declined invitations from Henley and

Dublin.—Reuter.

Yuan-shi-kai, the Viceroy of Chihli,

has engaged Japanese officers to train

the Chinese army.—Reuter.

The rumour persists that a recon-

struction of the Spanish Cabinet will

take place after the passing of the

Budget.—Reuter.

The Countess Lonjony, better known

as Princess Stephanie of Austria, is

suffering from bronchitis, and her hus-

band from malarial fever.—Dalsel.

The first steamer for the new mail

service of the Hamburg-American Line

between Hamburg and Mexico was suc-

cessfully launched yesterday.—Reuter.

It is announced at Washington that

Governor Crane, of Massachusetts, has

been offered the Secretaryship of the

Treasury, in succession to Secretary

Gage.—Central News.

Mr. Long, Secretary of the Navy De-

partment, has disposed finally of the

Schley case by approving of the find-

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## Chancery Division.

THE CHIQUE BANK.  
Justice Wright heard an application in  
the matter of the Chique Bank Ltd., in  
liquidation. A summons had been taken  
out in order to investigate the books of  
the company, and ascertain whether there  
was any ground for bringing an action for  
damages against the directors. Mean-  
while the liquidator had made a heavy  
call on the shareholders. A number of  
the latter now asked his lordship to stay  
the enforcing of the call over Christmas on  
the ground that it would have disastrous  
results on many shareholders of small  
means if persisted in.—His lordship, al-  
though he admitted it was hard on all par-  
ties, said he could not interfere.—Application  
dismissed.

## King's Bench Division.

## QUESTION OF SAMPLE.

Justice Walton gave judgment in the  
action brought by Messrs. Hoggs, Sons,  
and Co., cloth manufacturers, against  
Messrs. Hebbert and Co.—Plaintiffs  
claimed in respect of 1,100 pieces of cloth  
which were supplied to the order of de-  
fendants to meet contracts, which the  
latter made in Australia. Defendants  
denied liability on the ground that the  
goods were not up to sample attached to  
the contract.—His lordship found in  
favour of defendants, and gave judgment  
accordingly.

## WIDOW'S ACTION.

Surtees v. Woodhouse, before Justice  
Walton, was an action brought by Mrs.  
Isabel Mary Surtees, widow of Cadogan  
gardens, against Mr. Hy. Woodhouse of  
Maidenhead, to recover upwards of £60  
under an indemnity clause contained in a  
lease. In 1892 plaintiff's husband took a  
lease of Somersham Bay Park-avenue,  
Maidenhead, for 21 years, and became  
liable to pay all present and future  
rates, taxes, dues, assessments, and out-  
goings.—Mr. Surtees died in July, 1896,  
and in the following year plaintiff took  
a lease of the house for the unexpired  
term, and agreed to perform all the con-  
ditions contained in the lease granted to her  
late husband. By a deed dated Nov.  
30, 1899, plaintiff sub-demised her interest in  
the house to defendant, who agreed to  
pay an annual rental of £200, and to ob-  
serve all the covenants by which plaintiff  
had been bound.—In October, 1899, the local  
authorities commenced improvements, the  
costs of which had to be borne by the  
owner of Somersham. The work was com-  
pleted before Nov. 30, 1899, the date of  
defendant's sub-demise, but the final ap-  
portionment of the expenditure was not  
made until Dec. 11.—The plaintiff having  
agreed to pay the amount under her lease, con-  
tended that she was entitled to be indem-  
nified by defendant on the ground that he  
had agreed to observe the conditions under  
which she was liable.—Defendant denied  
liability, submitting that the amount be-  
came due before the date of his sub-  
demise, and that he was not liable for any  
outgoing until after that date.—His lord-  
ship held that although the work was done  
before the date of defendant's lease was  
made, the plaintiff was liable for the same  
as he had agreed to do.

## Marylebone.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF BETTING.  
Albert Churney, 29, butcher's assistant, of  
Portsmouth-rd., Paddington, was charged  
with embezzeling £6 11s. 1d. the money of  
his employer, Mr. L. E. White, butcher,  
of Harrow-nd.—Prisoner had been in pro-  
secutor's employment about nine months,  
and was duty being to deliver goods and re-  
ceive money. Det. Arun was called by  
plaintiff to examine him. In reply to the charge, accused  
said, "I had the money, and lost it by  
betting." Prisoner had £2 17s. on him,  
which he handed over, saying it was given  
to a prosecutor. The detective added that  
prisoner 12 months ago was sentenced at  
the South-Western Court to three months'  
imprisonment for a similar offence.—Five  
months' hard labour.

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## Westminster.

ITALIAN RESTAURANT FINED.  
Lorenzo Ivaldi, Italian restauranteur, of  
Vauxhall-Bridge-nd., was summoned for  
selling spirits and wine without a license.—  
Mr. Dennis, counsel for the Inland Re-  
venue, said that on Oct. 31 and on a sub-  
sequent day he dined at defendant's res-  
taurant with another Revenue officer and  
the waiter brought him a bottle of beer. When  
he asked for a bill, he was told there was  
no bill, and he was given a bill for £1. 10s.  
Defendant said he had given the bill to  
the waiter, and that he was given a bill for  
£1. 10s. and £1. 10s. extra, and he was  
bound over to keep the peace for 12 months.  
Prisoner said he was out of work and  
had been trying to get work since he  
had been fined.

## TREATHENING A WOMAN.

Joseph Zberman was charged with  
threatening Miss Elizabeth Weston, of  
Bow Common-lane.—The latter stated  
she had never had anything to do with him,  
but she had never had anything to do with him.  
During the last three months he  
had continually followed her about, wanting  
her to walk out with him, but she declined.  
Defendant then threatened to shoot her, and  
she was afraid to go out, for she believed  
he intended to carry out his threat. On  
Friday evening he again threatened to kill  
her, and she had to run into the Mile End  
police-station for protection. In the  
presence of Sgt. S. H. occurred said, "I  
will have her, and began pulling her  
about." Defendant: "She promised to  
marry me." Weston: "The man's mad."  
Prisoner: "I only earn £5 a week."—  
Defendant: "I will leave you £1 a week till  
you marry me." Weston: "The man's mad."  
Prisoner: "I am 14 years old, and she is 20 years  
old."

## South Western.

OFFICER'S WIFE AND THE SCHOOL  
BOARD.

Mrs. Williams, of The Poplars, Bourn-  
ville, Birmingham, was summoned by  
the School Board for neglecting her  
duties as a teacher. She was found guilty  
of failing to attend the school at St. Mary's,  
Birmingham, 39 out of 60.—Defendant:  
I have to attend the War Office  
several times, and have to take the boy  
with me because I can't leave him alone  
at home.—Witness: When I called at the  
house and saw the lady she told me her  
husband was an Army officer at the front,  
and that she didn't care about the boy's  
education, because he was going out to  
South Africa shortly, and he would be  
educated there. Final sentence.

## Great Northern Hotel Fire.

AN INQUEST was held on Elizabeth  
Patterson, widow, 20, of 10, Park-st.,  
St. John's Wood, by Mr. G. H. Pettitt,  
and Mr. J. C. Sharman, for the Great  
Northern Hotel, King's Cross.—Mrs. B.  
March, of Chiswick, sister of deceased, said  
that her brother was travelling with  
a woman named Florence Spencer, and  
had been staying at the hotel.

FATHER AND HIS STARVING  
CHILDREN.

Giles Greaves, 36, labourer, was charged  
with neglecting his three children.—Mr.  
Phillips prosecuted.—Prisoner's wife said  
she had no time to look after them, and  
she used to spend nearly all her wages  
on the public-house, while the children went  
without food. During one period of six  
months she gave her absolutely nothing at  
all, and the children must have starved if  
her relations had not assisted her. She  
then grew thinner and thinner, and she  
asked her husband to take them all  
to the public-house, but he refused, saying  
he was not going to live on "skim." In  
the end she was compelled to leave him  
and go with the children to her mother's  
house.—Prisoner said he was out of work  
for a long time.—Three months' hard  
labour.

## West London.

BUSINESSMAN'S REMARKABLE CONDUCT.  
Mr. Bevan, who had frequently  
attended the court in connection with  
proceedings against his husband, said  
that he had been responsible for his actions  
at the time he was in prison.—He was  
released on bail, and he had been  
admitted to the bar.

## Southwark.

Hy. Wm. Routledge, 42, tea-taster, was  
charged with stealing £40 belonging to  
his employers, Messrs. Johnson, Johnson,  
and Co., tea merchants, Southwark-  
Bridge-nd.—Prisoner pleaded guilty.—Mr.  
Johnson, managing director to prosecu-  
tor, said prisoner had been in their  
service for 18 months, and had 30 years'  
record in the tea trade. He occupied a  
confidential position as tea buyer. On  
Sept. 21 he was witness's private guest.  
Witness was called upstairs, and subsequently  
he missed the money from his drawer.  
Prisoner absconded, left both from his  
employment and wife and children,  
whom he left to starve. He after-  
wards returned to town, and offered his  
services against his former employer, and  
was soon engaged in his old occupation  
again. He was a tea buyer.

## DRINK AND DEATH.

Mr. Barter held an inquest on Thos.  
Cleary, 38, bricklayer's labourer, of  
London, who died at St. George-in-the-  
East Infirmary.—The evidence showed  
that deceased was addicted to drink, and

Mr. Rose said the master was out of his  
hands, and he had to trust to the officers  
to execute the warrant. Appellant could  
not expect to have all the officers engaged  
in the master.—Appellant then produced a  
copy of the registration of the death of  
the woman with whom her husband lived.  
She stated that the woman was buried in  
her (appellant's) name.—Mr. Rose read  
the copy, and said the title of the will was  
given to the woman, which she did not  
possess.—Appellant told the copy of  
the registration to him. Her husband  
was informed that he had not met with  
an accident and was in hospital. She  
saw him there and he told her that a  
chain broke, and he fell into the dye tank.

## North London.

## INSANE WOMAN IN THE DOCK.

Elizabeth Sonnen, 23, laundress, of No.  
10, Seven Sisters-rd.—Last week the magis-  
trate doubted the woman's sanity, and  
remanded her for the opinion of a  
doctor. Dr. Marks certified that the  
woman was not of sound mind. The  
magistrate adjourned the case to  
Wednesday.

## DISORDERLY HOUSE PROSECUTION.

A young man of colour complained that  
his landlord, to whom he owed £3 12s. for  
rent, had treated him very shabbily by  
removing him, admittance and retaining  
his books.—Mr. Francis: I don't know on  
what ground it has been decided to do so.  
His lord



## "THE PEOPLE'" MIXTURE.

In London 2,221 births and 1,612 deaths were registered last week. The births were 347, and the deaths 125, below the average.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes which had been 22.3, 22.5, and 19.5 in the preceding three weeks, further fell last week to 18.5.

The 1,612 deaths included 26 from small-pox, 61 from measles, 12 from scarlet fever, and 31 from diphtheria.

Different forms of violence caused 72 deaths, concerning all but two of which insects were to blame.

Of these 72 deaths, eight were cases of suicide and one of homicide, while the remaining 63 were attributed to accident or negligence.

Seven of these were referred to vehicles in the streets, 11 to burns and scalds, and 17 (including 16 of infants under one year of age) to suffocation in bed.

In Greater London 3,185 births and 2,444 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 25.0 and 16.8 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The deaths registered last week in 53 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 18.5 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,463,028 persons in the middle of this year.

This is Australia's first Christmas as a United Nation.

Most of the billy consigned to London comes from Fordingbridge, Hants. England has eight horses for every 100 people, Russia 21, Algiers 117.

In 1835 Indian elephants fetched £45; now they run up to £800 apiece.

The world's tobacco crop of \$50,000,000 is grown on 24 million acres.

Benedictine is one of the most ancient liqueurs, and is said to date from 665 A.D.

1890 was the last year in which there was skating on Christmas Day in London.

The tallest Christmas-tree for the home market stand about 16ft. high, and cost 3s. apiece.

The Armenian Church observes the Festival of the Epiphany at the same date that we observe Christmas.

The original mince-pie was made of mutton, and baked in the shape of a manger.

The worst Christmas Day Paris ever knew was in 1870. The bombardment so long threatened began the next day.

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Platinum is the only metal that is heavier than gold. Gold is more than 50 per cent. heavier than platinum.

Three hundred English fishermen are drowned every year—namely, nine in a thousand of those engaged.

The world's record sugar-plantation contains 13,000 acres, has 30 miles of railway, and employs 1,500 men.

The biggest hedges in England are at Hall Barn, Buckinghamshire. They are of yew and box, and are 30ft. high.

As National flags go, the Danish one is the oldest in the world. It has been in use since 1219.

The costliest fur is that of the sea otter. A single skin of this animal will fetch as much as £200.

Tripletts came of age the other day at Shrewsbury, and the church bells were rung in honour of the event.

The War Office has ordered 36 instruments for the painless and noiseless killing of incapacitated horses.

In Norway the average length of life is greater than in any other country on the globe.

The travelling expenses of Italian M.P.'s are paid by Government. These averaged £200 a head last year.

The average man if told he could have as much gold as he could carry a mile, would find his fortune not over £500.

The best ironstone in the world is found in Canada. It yields 60 per cent. of iron; average English iron-stone contains 41 per cent. of iron.

In the House of Representatives at Washington the time limit for speeches is very short, and is strictly carried out; it is only five minutes.

A wine-cask which holds 97,000 gallons, and is the largest ever built, may be seen at Malmotta, Cal. The steel hoops around it weigh 40,000lb.

For the right of reproducing Sir J. Millais' "Portia" in a Christmas number a leading London illustrated weekly gave £5,000.

In the Scandinavian island of Dago the people have a curious custom of putting five candles on each branch of the Christmas-tree.

It costs at least £200 to get out a single set of even cheap Christmas-cards. One firm in London produces nearly 1,000 such sets annually.

The German Emperor's Christmas presents to his sons in 1897 were three very beautiful swords, each with a motto engraved upon its blade.

The Mayor of Nice has refused to allow the Boer lecturers to deliver an address on the war in the hall of the Municipal Theatre.

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The ordinary active life of a locomotive averages 15 years.

A seal has been known to remain

25 minutes under water.

South Shields has a large colliery,

the St. Hilda, within her town limits.

India takes 29th, out of every 100lb.

of cotton goods which we export.

The first lighthouse was built at South Shields, and used on Jan. 20, 1790.

The King has intimated his consent

to become patron of the Church Ladies' Brigade.

Queen Alexandra has subscribed

100 to the Cape Town Cathedral Memorial Fund.

The source of the Severn, 1,500ft.

above the sea, is a spring of iron water.

16,000 tons of alum are made yearly

from shale raised in the North of England.

Warringtonshire at present holds the

marriage record with 19 marriages per

year.

The best red sealing-wax is com-

posed of shellac, Venice turpentine,

varnish, and a little gypsym.

The London School Board proposes

to appoint two solicitors for the pur-

pose of testing the strength of children

in the senior departments of the schools.

The new dock at Grimsby is to be

commanded immediately. The board

of directors includes representatives

of the corporation and of the Great Central Rly. Co.

It was stated at West Ham this week

that the London goals were so full

that metropolitan prisoners were sent

"all over the country" for incarceration.

The Governor of Finland has or-

dered the prosecution of the Lutherans

who refused to read the new Russian army regulations in their

churches.

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## THE PEOPLE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1901.

## NOTICE.

To avoid loss of time and inconvenience, all communications on business matters must be addressed to the MANAGER, and not to the EDITOR.

## PERSONAL.

HIS DUTIES!—Pretty Girl!

A Little Thing! Then Very Curious!

MARY is anxious.—Write, 56, Madingley-road, Fulham. Can you forgive me for writing?

KATE ELIZA SPRATT (maiden name), born at Kew, near Chertsey, Surrey.—Write to 20, Kew-road, Richmond, West-sussex.

WILLIAM THOMAS of Baywater, Merton, W.C., has died.—Write to his widow, Mrs. WILLIAM THOMAS, Baywater, Merton, W.C.

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SHOULD WILLIAM or JACK STEVENS, Chancery-lane, formerly famous in Bowditch Transvaal, or their descendants, please communicate with RUBENS, Euston, New Maids'

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